

Weekly Work Memo October 29- November 2, 2012

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Monday, October 29

1. Worked from home because of Hurricane Sandy. Spent day reading Foreign Affairs journal, The National Interest journal, and Foreign Policy journal for new insights/debates on the China pivot. It is definitely a difficult Wiki topic. Found all required sources though. Lost all electricity/ power by 6pm (8 hours)

Tuesday, October 30

1. Finished research and drafted my Obama East Asia Strategy Wiki contribution on MS Word. Sent to Jim Smith for review (3 hours)
2. Authored/Coded information on Wikipedia which can be found here - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Asian_foreign_policy_of_the_Barack_Obama_administration. I contributed to the introduction, China, and Vietnam subheadings (1 hour)
3. Started researching the supposedly dwindling role of Europe in U.S. pivot to Pacific and what NATO will do now that U.S. is retracting resources from the Europe (4 hours)

Wednesday, October 31

1. Had trouble finding solid research for a Wiki article dedicated to NATO future in light of pivot. Started focusing on the future of U.S. Special Operations as part of U.S. grand strategy. Began outline of Wiki contribution on MS Word doc (8 hours)

Thursday, November 1

1. Finished writing my Special Operations Wiki contribution. Sent to Jim for review. Will eventually publish in the following locations: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attack_on_the_U.S._diplomatic_mission_in_Benghazi; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syrian_civil_war; http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special_operations; In order to stay abreast of current Wiki events, I researched events of Wiki significance that have occurred inside Syria and Libya. The former has been presented a 4-point peace plan by the Chinese, indicating they want to play a major role as power broker, something typically reserved for the United States. Regarding the latter, many intelligence officials came forward and spoke bluntly (though anonymously) about the CIA's role in Benghazi.

Friday, November 2

1. After consulting with Jim Smith over the types of articles I should be focusing on as far as references are concerned, he advised me to read volumes of International Security, a hefty journal co-produced by the Belfer Center and MIT press. It has arguably the most up-to-date academic literature in the field of ISP. I will try and make this into a long-term project (8 hours)

For Next Week - Publish/code my articles for the links I provided under the Thursday heading. Continue reading International Security and create article on the volatility of bipolarity, unipolarity, and multipolarity.